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A. Summary of Present Available Information

1. Almost all of the DTLINE propaganda material is sent into the DDR in balloon operations. A small percentage of the DTLINE distribution is accomplished in mailing operations which are described below.

2. In January 1954 approximately 12,577 letters were mailed; approximately 17,500 in February; approximately 10,000 in March; and approximately 11,500 in April. The material consists of either general type propaganda or individual warning letters. Several (up to 5) propaganda items are generally inserted into one envelope.

3. DTLINE-produced propaganda material is being mailed from East Berlin and West Germany and extraboard propaganda material by DTLINE co-workers from inside the DDR. Warning letters are being mailed from East Berlin and from the DDR proper.

4. In West Germany DTLINE has 23 mailers, whose identities are known, at its disposal. They work under the supervision and direction of the DTLINE "Services" Landing deck chiefs, i.e., Mecklenburg (5), Sachsen-Anhalt (3), Sachsen (6), Thuringia (7), Anhalt-Bitterfeld (2). The letters are sent to the West German mailers, fully prepared, with addresses taken from telephone directories, etc., or supplied by Services co-workers. They are then sent under fictitious return addresses to the addressees in the DDR.

5. DTLINE mailers in East Berlin and the DDR are principally from the Operation-Deck or Allgemeine Versorgung DTLINE sub-groups. In this connection it should be remembered that the identities of all DTLINE co-workers are known and it is also known to which sub-group an individual co-worker belongs. As a rule members of the Operation-Deck staff come to West Berlin once a month, members of the Allgemeine Versorgung staff come every 6 to 8 weeks. To receive material for mailing they meet DTLINE agents in safe apartments or in public places. The fully prepared letters are hidden away on the mailers or in vehicles, whichever is applicable and/or judged to be the most secure method of infiltration across the sector border. In some instances stamps are affixed to the letters in East Berlin or the DDR, but as a rule the stamps are already on the letters when handed over in West Berlin. Stamps are obtained by East Berlin DTLINE co-workers in some instances with the aid of DTLINE co-workers in East Berlin post offices.

B. Frankfurt R. Instructions

1. Information concerning mailing operations on hand is generally adequate. However, this information appears to be somewhat too pat. During the next 2 months you are to fill in additional details pertaining to most of the steps involved in these mailing operations.

2. You are to continue vigorously your efforts to establish a small bandcarrying apparatus.